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In re Patent Application of

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For: BLANKING METHOD AND DEVICE INTO A CUTTING MACHINE FOR PLATE  
ELEMENTS

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

This is a submission in response to the Office Action mailed September 23, 2004, in the above-identified application. Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

☐ If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

	NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMENT		HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		EXTRA PRESENT		RATE		ADDIT. FEE
TOTAL	16	MINUS	20	* =	-0-	X	(\$9 SE or \$18)	\$	-0-
INDEP.	2	MINUS	3	** =	-0-	X	(\$44 SE or \$88)	\$	-0-
FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM						X	(\$150 SE or \$300)	\$	-0-
* not less than 20 ** not less than 3									TOTAL \$ -0-

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### **CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 15-0700.

### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1. ☐ If checked, an abstract is submitted herewith.
2. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4. ☐ If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.